



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 599

LCO No. 2463

Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
(FIN)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
PROPERTY TAX BURDENS AND SMART GROWTH INCENTIVES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Blue
2 Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and Smart Growth
3 Incentives to evaluate the extent to which there is an unequal local
4 property tax burden in this state. On or before January 1, 2003, said
5 commission shall make a preliminary report to the General Assembly
6 regarding any findings or recommendations it may have regarding
7 legislative or regulatory actions which may be taken to address such
8 inequality. Said commission shall make a final report with any such
9 findings or recommendations on or before January 1, 2004. Such
10 reports shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
11 of the general statutes.

12 (b) Said commission shall have twenty members as follows: (1) Six
13 members appointed one each by the president pro tempore of the
14 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the majority
15 and minority leaders of each house, (2) five members appointed by the
16 Governor, (3) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (4)

17 four members appointed by the Connecticut Conference of
18 Municipalities, (5) two members appointed by the Council of Small
19 Towns, (6) one member appointed by the Connecticut Business and
20 Industry Association, and (7) one member appointed by the American
21 Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organization. All
22 appointments to the commission shall be made before July 1, 2002.

23 (c) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission shall be
24 jointly designated by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and
25 the Council of Small Towns. The first meeting of the commission shall
26 be held on or before July 1, 2002.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for an evaluation of the property tax burden in this state and to derive recommendations as to improvements which may be made to the property tax system.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]